योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गमंग): (क) से (ग) केलो सिंचाई परियोजना (अनुमानित लागत 57.88 करोड़ रुपये) के लिए प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय जल आयोग को मई, 1988 में प्राप्त हुई थी। मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को कोयला खानों में पानी भराव के संबंध में कोयला मंत्रालय से और पर्यावरणी तथ वानिकी दृष्टि से पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय से स्वीकृति लेने को कहा गया है। केन्द्रीय जल आयोग की रिपोर्ट के अनुसार राज्य सरकार को इन अपेक्षाओं को अभी पूरा करना है।

Workers stranded in Saudi Arabia

1939. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to certain reports appearing in the 'Press' indicating that more than 300 Indian expatriates have been stranded in Saudi Arabia after their sponsor brought them to Saudi Arabia in violation of labour laws and had died in a fire;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these reports, also indicate that these stranded Indian workers have not been provided with any shelter in the absence of a sponsore or any job;

(d) whether Government propose to take action against the officials of emigration Department of the Ministry for their lapses; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Shri Ibrahim Al-Faisal, a Saudi national, took some Indian workers to Saudi Arabia on forged Visas. When it came to the notice of Saudi authorities, a foregery case was registered against him. He was arrested and put in the jail. He got out of jail on bail. Fearing punishment, he committed suicide by setting himself afire. As per report of Consulate General of India at Jeddah, the workers at present in Saudi Arabia who have come under the sponsorship of Mr. Ibrahim Al-Faisal are much less than the figure of 300 as so far only 81 workers have approached them for help. Only 3 of the them want to come to India and the remaining 78 workers are trying for change of sponsorship. Only 2 of these workers are without proper job and all other are gainfully employed. The Consulate General have approached the concerned Saudi authorities to sort out the problem.

(d) and (e) Apparently there is no lapse on the part of Emigration authorities as the Saudi sponsor had brought Indian workers on forged visas.

International Trade Balance

1940. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the exports and imports of the country during the last three years;

(b) the international trade balance in terms of imports and exports; and

(c) what was the component of electricity, agriculture, industry etc. for the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The exports, imports and the trade balance of India during the last three years are as follows:—

	(Value in US $ Million)		
	Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
1992-93	18537	21882	—3345
1993-94	22238	23306	—1068
1994-95(P)	26223	28251	—2028

(P): Provisional

(c) The percentage share of agriculture and manufacturing products in the total exports of the country for the last three years is as under:—

	Agriculture	Mfg. product
1992-93	18	76
1993-94	19	76
1994-95	16	77

It is difficult to quantity the component of Agriculture and Industry in total imports, Electricity is an input in the production process and it is difficult to quantify its share in imports and exports since there is no direct nexus between them. Electricity, as such, is not being exported by India.